

APPARATUS FOR CENTERING A TAPE CARTRIDGE HUB

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ABSTRACT

An alignment probe engages an opening in a tape cartridge to center the hub of the cartridge with the hub of a tape drive. The alignment probe can be spring-loaded to accommodate cartridges that are not configured with an opening in the center of the hub. The alignment probe can be positioned in the spindle of the tape drive, and chamfered at the tip to engage the opening in the cartridge as the cartridge is inserted in the tape drive.